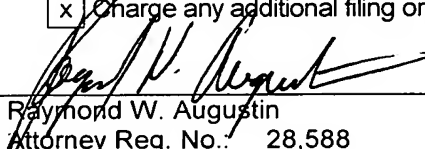
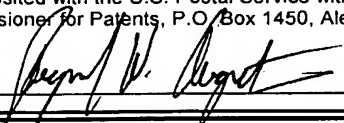
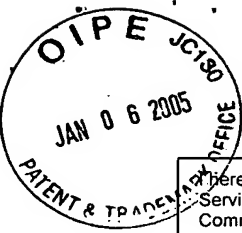
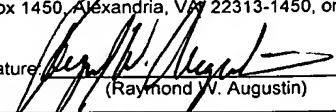


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Applicant(s): Carlos E. Collazo					
Invention: REAMER BUSHING					
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed November 30, 2004, setting forth a Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application. In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-8, 17 and 19 were drawn to a kit.
- II. Claims 9-11 drawn to an instrument for reaming a bone canal.
- III. Claims 12-16 and 18 drawn to reamer bushing

In response, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group III, corresponding to claims 12-16 and 18. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application corresponding to the non-elected claims.